# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4256
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REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRY
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the population of refugees is constantly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on the country`s economy;

(c) the number of refugees at present in the country; Nationality-wise, State-wise;

(d) the measures being adopted by the Government to tackle this problem; and

(e) the achievement made so far in this regard ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): There are about 65,000 Sri Lankans and about 1,08,000 Tibetan refugees in India.Except some Sri Lankans and Tibetans who have been given refuge in India and are given some assistance from Central Government, foreigners from other nationalities are not staying with refugee status. The Sri Lankan refugees are accommodated in 116 Camps in Tamil Nadu and in Orissa.The Tibetan refugees are accommodated in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

(d): In order to safe guard against possible strain, that Sri Lankan refugees can cause on security scenario, complete verification of the antecedents are undertaken by local police as soon as they arrive. The refugees then are sent to different Camps.Suspected persons are sent to special camps and not allowed to move out. The State Governments have been instructed from time to time to strengthen Coastal security. Both Central and State agencies keep watch over the activities in refugee camps.

(e): As far as possible, influx of refugees are discouraged through various measures. As a result of these efforts, the inflow of refugees up to July, 2001 was only 348 as against 4,977 in 1999 and 1620 in 2000.